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STABILIZED BIOACTIVE PEPTIDES AND METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION, SYNTHESIS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

We are transmitting the following documents along with this Transmittal Sheet (which is submitted in triplicate):

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s), as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 2nd day of May. 2001.

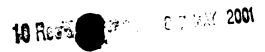
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-60, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1.

Please add claims 61-119.

The amended and new claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

- 1. (Amended) A recombinant method for identifying a bioactive peptide comprising:
- (a) transforming a host cell with an expression vector comprising a tightly regulable control region operably linked to a nucleic acid sequence encoding a peptide:
- (b) growing the transformed cell under conditions that repress expression of the peptide: